

rough - 9 #8) seed after his kind, and the tree... "Similarly, on the fifth day He did not say, "Set ^(Gen. 1:11-12) the waters be filled with great whales and all sorts of fish." ^{He said,} ~~Set~~ ^{it} ~~says let the waters bring forth fish and let the fish, and so forth.~~ ^{abundantly the moving creature that hath life, etc, Or}

The sixth day, ^{He did} ~~does~~ not say, "Set the earth be covered with tigers, elephants, ^{etc."} ~~and so on.~~ ^{He said,} "Set the earth bring forth ^{the living creature after his kind, etc."} ~~animals.~~ ^{None} ~~all of these~~ statements ^{strongly suggest} ~~clearly refer to~~ a long process, rather than an immediate instantaneous establishment of a completed situation. God certainly could

have caused everything ~~that happened in Genesis~~, described in Genesis 1 ~~to happen~~ in one instant if he chose. He would not, ^{need} six days of 24 hours.

On the other hand, ^{He} could spread it over as long a period as he ^{wished} ~~wanted to~~. It is entirely up to Him. [¶] The account of the third day shows the trees and plants beginning to grow and growing up out of the earth, until the earth was covered with them. ^② God could have ~~caused~~, ^{if}

^{He} chose, ^③ ~~speed~~ ^{up} the process so that a ^{tree} ~~earth~~ could grow as much in 24 hours as it normally does in a hundred years. For that matter, ^{He} could make it grow ~~as~~ ⁱⁿ much in 5 minutes as ^a hundred years, if ^{He} chose.

~~But~~ there is nothing in the ~~passage~~ to suggest that things were done in a manner so different ~~from what is~~ from the usual situations. The natural interpretation of the passage is a process which might easily have consumed thousands or millions of years.

Thus the usage in the account of the third, fifth and sixth days, suggests very strongly that these were long periods, rather than that they were periods of only 24 hours.

We notice that ⁱⁿ the course of these days, there are very clear evidences of ^{Certain} sharp, sudden changes, ^{constituting} definite ~~in the~~ divine interventions in the course of events. This is noticeable in many places, but ^{is} most ~~evident~~ ^{striking} in connection with the creation of man. Here God made something that was ^{sharply} new and different ⁱⁿ ~~than~~ anything that had existed before.

Patterns of some similarity might have been used, but a ~~definite~~ distinct divine act is described, and ^{man} ~~one~~ ^{only} becomes animate ^{after} he ~~(10 3/4)~~